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1. In preparation for her meeting with her SSD case officer on the evening of 29 October 1953, [] was directed earlier on the same day by [] to tell the SSD case officer that her situation had not changed; that CARBONIDEATH had said nothing further about his prospective trip to West Germany; and that she had called [] asking to see him, but that the latter had refused. [] reported to [] on 30 October 1953 that she had been unable to keep her appointment with the SSD case officer (who is hereafter referred to by his cover name, "Hans") on the previous evening because an S-Bahn delay had held her up for more than an hour; when she arrived at the meeting place, Hans was nowhere to be seen. [] said that she had had no East money to call the SSD telephone number and had therefore returned home. She was directed on 30 October to call the number as soon as possible; later in the day she reported that she had called and spoken with a woman who said that Hans had left word that if [] should call, she should be told to meet him on 2 November at the same time and place which had been arranged for 29 October.

2. On 4 November 1953 [] reported that she had finally made contact with Hans on the evening of 3 November. She had gone on the evening of 2 November, but had found that Hans was not there; in his place he had sent the younger man who had assisted him during the

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interrogation in Normannenstrasse on 14 September 1953 (described in ROMA-6781). This younger man had greeted [] told her that Hans was unable to appear that evening, and directed her to come again on the following evening, same time and place. He had also taken from [] a letter which she had written for [] On the following evening, 3 November, Hans was waiting when [] arrived; he drove her as usual to the Hirtenstrasse safehouse. There [] found the scene pleasantly decorated with candles, flowers, and wine in honor of her birthday, as Hans said. There the following points were discussed:

a) CARBOHYDRATE's wife: Hans inquired at some length and in great detail about CARBOHYDRATE's wife: her appearance, her attitude towards men, her family relationships, her financial situation, and her general political orientation. [] stated that she answered all these questions, with the approximate truth, to the effect that CARBOHYDRATE's wife was a respectable woman whose primary interests were confined to her home and her family, and that no outstanding problems or features in her personality were known to [] [] stated to undersigned, however, that CARBOHYDRATE's wife in actual fact is very distressed about the family financial circumstances and that she is quite discouraged about the hard work, scripping, and struggling she must do to keep the family going.)

b) [] reported to Hans that she had met the undersigned late in October 1953 to get some money from [] account. Hans responded that this was fine and that she should keep it up as often as possible. According to [] he did not inquire where or when the meeting had taken place, nor did he ask in detail about the conversation. (Note that [] statement that she had met undersigned is in direct contradiction to what she was instructed to say; when asked why this was so, [] merely said she supposed she had "got things all mixed up.")

c) Hans told [] that the date of the trial of [] and FULLBORN had been set for 12 November 1953. He said that [] would probably be sentenced to about eight years, and FULLBORN to about six years.

d) Hans gave [] (M West 20) and instructed her to come to meet him again on 17 November at 1800 just behind the sector border on Invalidenstrasse. At that time, Hans said, there would be an exact discussion of what her future work for the SSD would be like, since their use of her was expected to assume a new outlook after the formal trial and sentencing of [] Hans also promised [] definitely that she could see [] during November.

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3. As explained in reference E, [] was determined to attend the 17 November meeting with Hans in order to learn, if possible, something concerning the trial and disposition of []. This was, in actuality, natural: as explained in the reporting on this case, it has become in our opinion increasingly apparent during the last several months that there can be little hope of [] effecting the release of []. In view of [] mental condition and her determination to do everything possible, however, it has not been an easy matter to convince her that she would be doing the right thing in dropping the entire matter and trying to start a new life for herself and her child. It was, nevertheless, possible to convince [] that if the trial should not change the situation materially—or if the trial should fail to materialize—there would then be absolutely no point in her continuing to endanger herself and the future of her child. When Hans then informed her (as stated in paragraph 2 above) that November 12 had been appointed for the trial, she naturally set her hopes on the meeting laid on for 17 November. It was also reported by way of FUELLBORN's wife (who is now in West Berlin in a refugee camp) that the East Berlin lawyer who agreed to undertake the defense of FUELLBORN had received notice that he would not be admitted to FUELLBORN's trial on 12 and 13 November. [] thus felt sure that the trial was at least definitely scheduled for that date. The net result of all this was that it was completely impossible to convince [] that she should drop the matter at the last moment. The inadvisability of having [] physically detained is apparent when it is remembered that we cannot be at all sure of this woman's undivided loyalty to us and that any such move as arrest might well be just enough to push her into active, whole-hearted cooperation with the SSD, plus the fact that our possibilities of physically detaining anyone are practically nil. [] was therefore advised that since she would not be persuaded to break her contact with the SSD before the 17 November meeting, she could attend that meeting with our blessing; but that unless some sort of minor miracle occurred it would be absolutely the last time we would cooperate with her and give her our support for what we considered a dangerous and worthless exercise.

4. [] reported on 19 November that she had attended the meeting on 17 November, on which occasion she had been picked up by Hans in the same Tepelino automobile. This time, she said, the right headlight was not working. (Note: the meeting was surveilled by [] he confirmed the time of the meeting, and the description of Hans as well as the fact that the right headlight was not functioning.) Hans drove her again to Hirtensstrasse. There he told her that [] trial had been temporarily delayed because of the volume of work which was suddenly imposed on the SSD by the Joachim GEYER incident. (It may be a bitter drop of consolation to those involved to know that Hans complained somewhat bitterly about the tremendous amount of work he had his colleagues have recently been forced to do.) Hans gave [] letter written by [] he also agreed that [] might prepare a small Christmas package to be delivered to []

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[] reported to Hans that she had attempted to call the undersigned but had been unable to reach him by telephone; Hans urged her to keep up her attempts. Hans during this meeting once again discussed the possibility of recruiting CARBONHYDRATE, saying that no price would be too high if the SSD could secure his cooperation. The rest of the meeting consisted, according to [], of a discussion by Hans on the merits of the Communist system.

5. After [] had reported the above on 19 November, undersigned was able to obtain an admission from her that she no longer believed she could accomplish anything for []. She doubted that any official trial would, in fact, ever take place; and finally, after much conversation, she yielded and agreed to go to West Germany for resettlement. In agreeing to this, however, she insisted that she would go only after the Christmas and New Year's holidays, as she did not want to be "alone" during the holiday season. [] was told that she and her son would be flown to West Germany free of charge, that living arrangements would be made for her at least temporarily, and that attempts would be made to find some kind of job for her. No financial commitments were made, but it is our intention to pay [] DMk 200 per month until she leaves Berlin.

6. This arrangement of having [] sever all contact with the SSD and then be flown to West Germany for resettlement after the start of the year appears to us as the only practical solution in sight at the moment. We do not like to extend resettlement benefits to this woman in view of our conviction that she is at least holding back part of the truth from us. On the other hand, she represents a definite threat to the security and peace of mind of CARBONHYDRATE; in addition, she knows more about the American interest in CARBONHYDRATE than we would like to give away to the SSD if she should be arrested at an SSD meeting and forced to tell absolutely all that she knows. Please bear in mind that we are convinced that this woman is not attempting actively to work against us, but that in all probability she has tried--and for understandable reasons--to appease both sides. In short, we want [] out of Berlin, and we want her to leave amicably. It appears at present that this can be effected; but we must stress that we cannot guarantee her severance of contact with the SSD. Neither can we guarantee what her state of mind will be after the first of the year. We can only assure COM and Headquarters that we shall do our best to get rid of this problem in the most effective way possible.

7. On 9 November 1953 a routine trace request was received at BOB from Berlin OSI asking for any information BOB had on []. OSI was immediately queried as to where and how they had obtained the name. OSI stated that they had recently acquired a source (whom OSI refused to identify) who appeared to be very knowledgeable about certain matters in the DDR. This source had been debriefed only once or twice, and on the last occasion had supplied a number of small items of information--all

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of which OSI was attempting to check out for verification. Among these items had been the statement that a relative of the source, [redacted] had been arrested and jailed for working for the American IS. The source also said that approximately 18 other persons had been arrested in connection with the [redacted] affair. OSI agreed to debrief the source in detail on this subject when and if he appeared again.

b) Indirect questioning of [redacted] immediately thereafter indicated that the only relative of [redacted] who could possibly be the source is Identity 1 (see reference G). [redacted] states that this man is an uncle of [redacted] by marriage (Identity-1's wife and [redacted] mother are sisters), and that he is well up in the SED in East Berlin. This information was obtained by requesting [redacted] to give a run-down on all the relatives of [redacted] and herself in both the East and West. It was not considered wise to focus attention on this man by any detailed questioning.

c) On 19 November 1953 OSI reported through liaison channels to BOB that the source had appeared again. This time, he had said that [redacted] might be released in the near future because of political influence. He had also stated that [redacted] had at one time attracted attention by flashing suspiciously large sums of money. (Note: this could well have been just after the time, approximately one year ago, when [redacted] sold his automobile for cash.) This report from the OSI source lacks much detail, and the assertion that [redacted] might be released because of political influence seems, to say the least, highly doubtful. It would be desirable to be able to perform a debriefing of this OSI source personally; but since this sort of working arrangement is not in effect between BOB and OSI, we have taken the only alternative step—namely, preparing a list of debriefing questions which we hope OSI will put to their source and then pass the results along to us. It is hoped that more information will be forthcoming in the near future from this source, as it should provide us with valuable clarification of the case.

8. Thus the arrangement at present is: [redacted] is to remain in West Berlin until after the Christmas-New Year's holidays, whereupon she will be flown to West Germany for resettlement by HARVARD. The necessary HARVARD forms will be submitted in advance. We shall attempt to keep [redacted] away from the SED in the meantime; also, we shall try to get OSI to learn everything of interest in the case from their above-mentioned source. In the event that the SED begins to pester or entice [redacted] in West Berlin after she has failed to appear for her next meetings, we shall have [redacted] move and attempt to cover her trail; if this is impossible, the best offensive measures available to us will be employed.

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